



July 20, 2016; 7:30 in-person & by webinar

**AGENDA** \*Discussion Item

- I. **Call to Order & Introductions**
- II. **Approval of June meeting minutes (separate attachment)**
- III. **Reports**
  - Executive Committee**
    - Chair**—John King, report\*
    - Treasurer**—Teddy Palmer, report attached
    - Secretary**—Leianne Crittenden, report attached
    - Office Administrator**—Charlene O’Brien, report\*
    - Schedule**—Steve Cutting, report
    - Hospitality**—Marcia Benjamin, no report
  - Pool Meet Committee**—John Morales, report attached
    - Meet Operations**—Barry Fasbender, report\*
    - Officials**—Mike Abegg, no report
  - Open Water Committee**—Phyllis Quinn, report
  - Communications and Technology**—Bob Anderson, report
    - Update**—Charlene O’Brien, report
    - Website**—Caroline Lambert, no report
  - Clubs and Coaches**—Laura Schuster, report
  - Ad Hoc Committees**—no report
  - Old Business**—no report
  - New Business**—no report
  - Club news**—no report

**2016 MEETING DATES:** all dates are tentative: Aug 17; Sept 22 (convention); Oct 19; Nov 13 (Annual Mtg)

*Working Calendar for July: Distribute bid packet for 2017 events calendar; call for 2017 budget requests; call for proposals to change PacMasters by-laws,*

*Working Calendar for August: Approve bids for 2017 Championship meets and January & February meets, due August 10<sup>th</sup>; receive budget request; preliminary review of USMS convention issues.*

*Working Calendar for September: Approve preliminary 2017 Calendar of Events – bids due September 10<sup>th</sup>; final review of convention issues; publish proposals for changes to the by-laws; preliminary budget proposal; Convention.*

## July meeting reports – 7/20/2016

### Officer and Committee Reports

**Meeting policy:** *Please provide text to Charlene, prior to the meeting, of any items on which you would like the Committee to vote. Re-established 1/18/2012.*

### Executive Committee

**Chair**—John King, report\*

#### USMS Awards:

Thank you to everyone who participated in putting together the Pacific Masters nominations for USMS awards. All awards have been submitted ahead of the deadline.

#### Convention Update:

At this point we have a full slate of delegates going to convention, including two alternates ready to step in as voting delegates in the event we have someone who needs to cancel. The last few delegates who stepped forward after the last meeting will be voted on by the Committee at the July meeting. Our full list has been submitted to Tracy Grilli, any changes will be sent to her as the convention date draws closer.

#### Officials Training and certification:

The officials committee has released the long awaited training program for training and certifying officials. While the intent is to bolster LMSC's that have a light infrastructure of meets and officials, it has application for larger LMSC's such as Pacific to draw in officials who may not want to enter (or continue) with the requirements of maintaining USA certification. The program details have been forwarded to our Officials chair to help determine the application and deployment in Pacific Masters Swimming.

#### Date for August Meeting:

With the August meeting being the last one before convention we should discuss the current calendar date with the championship meet and vacations.

#### Delegate request:

1.

7/12/2016

Dear Pacific Masters Swimming,

Re; 2016 USAS Convention – Atlanta, GA

I would like to have the opportunity to represent the Pacific Masters Swimming as a delegate to the National Convention in Atlanta, GA this coming September.

I am an active member of the Tri Valley Masters (TVM) and participate in nearly all of the SCY/LCM/SCM meets. I also swam in several of the outdoor open water events last summer for the very first time. Swimming has opened me up to new found friendships and active acquaintances at each event. Swimmers are a very dynamic and energetic group of people.

It's my understanding that the Northern California area needs as much representation as possible at the National Convention. Since starting to compete in the pools and open water, I'm very interested to understand the dynamics of the US Masters programs, rules/regulations and bylaws.

Warm regards,  
Eric Hektner

2.

Hello, I am interested in attending the convention as I have been very involved in Open Water Swimming with USS fo many years. I have time now to devote my time to direct my efforts for Masters'. I am nominated for the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame so I know first hand about the obstacles for both novice and adept swimmers in these events.

Sincerely,  
Carol (Lee) Breiter

3.

Sarah Rich

I would love to join because not only am I a long term member of Pacific Masters, I'm also a public relations manager with experience in representing groups, reporting on key findings, and understanding the needs of a team. A fellow teammate of mine is also attending the convention, so together I think we can bring back valuable information and lessons learned. It will be important to learn how we can make our organization more efficient while sharing insights into how we are a success.

**Immediate Past Chair**—Peter Guadagni, no report

**Treasurer**—Teddy Palmer, report attached

**Secretary**—Leianne Crittenden, report attached

**Office Administrator**—Charlene O'Brien, report\*

Registration:

- 11,237 members; 149 clubs; 435 self-identified coaches have registered for Pacific Masters as of 7/16. In 2015 we had 12,335 members; 151 clubs; 476 coaches at this time.
- For 2016 we have 618 members who are in the 18-24 age group who received a discounted membership of \$39 (no LMSC fee of \$13); 40 members 85+ who paid no fee (Pacific picked up the USMS fee of \$39 and the \$13 LMSC fee); 77 members who are in the 80-84 age group who received a discounted membership fee of \$39 (no LMSC fee).
- Ten USMS/Pacific Master scholarships have been given for SSL graduates from the Richmond Plunge Program in 2016.
- To take advantage of the fact that 2016 is an Olympic year, USMS is going to offer the year-plus membership beginning in August instead of September this year.  
In August, prospective members will be offered the following two choices:  
(1) A 2016 membership, for the \$39 USMS fee + the 2016 LMSC fee  
(2) A Year-Plus membership, for a reduced \$20 USMS fee + the 2016 LMSC fee + the full 2017 \$41 USMS fee + the full 2017 LMSC fee

In September and October, prospective members will be offered the following two choices:

- (1) A 2016 membership, for a reduced \$25 USMS fee + the 2016 "End of Year" (EOY) LMSC fee

(2) A Year-Plus membership, for a reduced \$15 USMS fee + the 2016 EOY LMSC fee + the full 2017 \$41 USMS fee + the full 2017 LMSC fee

In November, the 2017 membership year opens and beginning November 1 the only membership option is to join for the 2017 membership year.

Pacific has the option to reduce its fee for the month of August or remain at \$13. We may also change to a different "End of Year" fee for the months of September and October. Currently our "End of Year" fee is \$8. I propose to offering the \$8 fee for the month of August, the same as our EOY fee to make the accounting and explanation simpler. We had 186 registration in the month of August in 2015.

Top Ten: TT was submitted for SCY 2016. To review and make corrections go here: [http://www.usms.org/~rectabs/PRELIM\\_SCY16.pdf](http://www.usms.org/~rectabs/PRELIM_SCY16.pdf) Next TT is due Oct. 20 for 2016 LCM.

Records: I have not received the paperwork/records from the QSS LCM as of this writing and the records are not processed.

Swim Events: Ribbon awards & lap counters from Pacific Masters will be taken to the LCM Championship meet in San Mateo.

**Schedule**—Steve Cutting, report

- Walnut Creek Masters has confirmed they want to host SCY and SCM championships, no dates have been established yet
- QuickSilver Masters has expressed interest in hosting LCM championship, nothing firm yet

**Hospitality**—Marcia Benjamin, no report

**Pool Meet Committee**—John Morales, report attached

Please find the SOTY tabulation sheet attached as a report. I am not looking for a vote this meeting, but I would like a vote at the August meeting, after everyone has had a chance to look at it for a month. Comments can be sent to [erjomo@sonic.net](mailto:erjomo@sonic.net)

**Meet Operations**—Barry Fasbender, report\*

PacMasters LCM Championships. Remember, all relay swimmers must register online (no charge) for the meet. Relays that have swimmers that are not registered for the meet will not be seeded in relays. Relay-only swimmer online entry opened Saturday, July 16 at 1 pm and closes Friday, July 22 at 6 am. There were 499 swimmers entered in the meet at 9:30 pm on the last entry day.

Scoring for PacMasters Championship Meets. We are doing a one year trial of scoring to 20 places. This ends with the LCM Championships this coming weekend. We need to vote on If we want to continue scoring to 20 places or going back to scoring by the number of lanes (eight lanes scores to eight places,

nine lanes to nine places, etc.). We could also always score to 10 places regardless of the number of lanes. The 2016 PacMasters SCM Championships has been sanctioned and specifies scoring to 20 places.

Event Order at PacMasters Championship Meets. The order of events for each of the three PacMasters Championship meets (SCY, LCM and SCM) is typically run with the same events as used in the previous year. The meet Directors Handbook lists seven different formats that can be used for PacMasters Championship Meets. We have approved some modifications to these formats over time. A suggestion has been made that we rotate through three different formats for our championship meets. This is how the USMS National Championships has been run in the past. Now, the USMS Championship Committee sets the order of events for each championship meet. Does the PacMasters Committee think we should rotate the order of events? If so, how do we come up with a list of different format that we can select from? Should the three different formats be selected by the Pool Meet Committee or the PacMasters Committee?

**Officials**— Mike Abegg, no report

**Open Water Committee**—Phyllis Quinn, report

We now have four people who are qualified to serve as the ISM (independent safety monitor). Thank you to all those who have volunteered.

A huge thank you to Bill McCracken, Peter G, Rob Heath and Charlene for taking care of finding a summer home for the Pacific Masters Open Water Trailer. Well done.

Thank you to Big Sky Endurance Sports, Bob Upshaw, and Caroline for working on correcting and updating the open water page and the points competition. It truly takes a village.

Next up Santa Cruz swims, July 30 and 31.

**Communications and Technology**—Bob Anderson, report

This year we have been approached three times by organizers of events not sanctioned by Pacific Masters, asking if we would include them in our Pacific Masters Update. I would like to have a conference call with interested parties and present a proposed policy at the August meeting.

**Update**—Charlene O'Brien, report

Our publication is due out on July 25 & Aug. 1 with Peg Flynn & Linda Shoenberger acting as Editors. We are seeking to add interested editors to our Update team rotation.

**Website**—Caroline Lambert, no report

**Clubs and Coaches**—Laura Schuster, report

USMS Stroke Development Clinic Sunday Aug 28 at Eagle Park Pool. Encouraging coaches and swimmers to attend.

**Ad Hoc Committees**—no report

**Old Business**—no report

**New Business**—no report

**Club news**—no report